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COMPLETE SPECIFICATION

Improvements in or relating to Settings for Articles of Jewellery

WE FRED MANSHAW LIMITED, a British Company, of Manshaw House 83—85 Saffron Hill, Hatton Garden, London, E.C.1, do hereby declare the invention for which we pray that a patent may be granted to us and the method by which it is to be performed to be particularly described in and by the following statement:—

This invention relates to settings, for precious, semi-precious or imitation stones, coins, or medallions, in articles of jewellery such as rings, earrings, brooches, cuff-links, charm holders bracelets and tie-slides.

It has been common practice in the jewellery trade to incorporate in such articles as rings and bracelets coins or medallions such as sovereigns and St. Christopher medallions. The usual method of securing these coins or medallions into the articles of jewellery is by soldering or some other intricate form of securing. Such work is lengthy and often requires the use of a skilled craftsman and thus results in added cost for the final product.

It is therefore an object of this invention to provide means enabling articles such as precious, semi-precious or imitation stones, coins or medallions to be set quickly and simply into articles of jewellery.

According to the invention there is provided an article of jewellery having a bezel setting comprising a rim and a base portion with two or more holes passing therethrough adjacent the rim and having a retainer comprising a keeper flange with a rim projecting therefrom and adapted to fit within the rim of the bezel setting, the flange rim having two or more lugs depending therefrom and arranged to be able to pass through some or all of the holes in the base portion.

The base portion need not be solid and thus may have a central hole provided that there is sufficient material to enable the object to be set in the article of jewellery to be securely held. Such a setting is envisaged mainly for securing such objects as coins or

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medallions (particularly sovereigns, half-sovereigns and St. Christopher medallions) into the article of jewellery in which case the bezel setting and retainer will preferably be of circular configuration. If a different effect is desired of course, it is possible for the setting and retainer to be of other configuration provided the coin or medallion can be securely held thereby. For other objects of course the setting and retainer will preferably be of a shape corresponding to the article to be secured. Such other objects which can be held by such a setting comprise precious, semi precious and imitation stones.

When the coin or other object has been placed in the bezel setting, the retainer is placed in position to hold the object securely, the lugs on the retainer being located in the relevant holes in the base portion of the bezel setting and then bent over underneath the base portion of the bezel setting to fix the retainer in position and thus hold the object. The number of lugs may be varied at will but must of course be at least two and preferably not more than ten since a greater number becomes cumbersome.

The article of jewellery in which the setting is formed can be, for example a ring, earring, brooch, cuff-link, bracelet, charm holder or tie-slide. Thus, for example a coin bracelet could be made with each coin set in this type of setting and all the settings linked together. The article of jewellery according to the invention may be combined with a coin or other object secured in the setting therein.

In order that the invention may be fully understood a preferred embodiment thereof will now be described with reference to the accompanying drawings in which:—

Figures 1A and 1B are plan views of a preferred form of ring and retainer therefor;

Figures 2A and 2B are side views of the ring and retainer shown in Figures 1A and 1B;

Figures 3A and 3B are perspective views

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of the ring and retainer shown in Figures 1A and 1B; and

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the ring shown in Figures 1A to 3B with a coin and the retainer secured thereto.

Figures 1A, 2A and 3A show a ring 1 having a curved portion 2 (which will be on the inside of the finger when worn) and a head portion 3 which is extended from the curved portion 2 to define a bezel setting 4 with a rim 5 and an annular base portion 6 passing through the base portion 6 are six evenly spaced holes 7. The retainer 8 shown in Figures 1B, 2B and 3B comprises a keeper flange 9 with an upstanding rim 10 having an outer circumference just smaller than the inner circumference of the rim 5 of ring 1. From the rim 10 of retainer 8 extend six evenly spaced lugs 11.

The ring and retainer shown in Figures 1 to 3 are adapted for holding coins or medallions of a size which will fit within the rim 10 of retainer 8. When a coin 12 Figure 4 is positioned on the base portion 6 of bezel setting 4, the retainer 8 is placed over the coin so that the lugs 11 locate within the holes 7 and the retainer is pushed home. After this lugs 11 are bent over at the underneath of base portion 6 to prevent the retainer from falling out. The finished article with a coin 12 set in the ring 1 appears as in Figure 4.

The sides of the head portion 3 of ring 1 can be engraved or otherwise decorated and can also if desired be provided with a cut-out portion to give a different configuration to the article. The same principle as is used for securing the coin 12 in a ring 1 can be used for other articles of jewellery such as bracelets and earrings, the essential parts in each case being the bezel setting 4 on the article and the retainer 8 to hold the coin. Also precious, semi-precious and imitation stones can be set in the article of jewellery provided that the bezel setting and retainer are adapted to secure the object adequately.

WHAT WE CLAIM IS:—

1. An article of jewellery having a bezel

setting comprising a rim and a base portion with two or more holes passing therethrough adjacent the rim and having a retainer comprising a keeper flange with a rim projecting therefrom and adapted to fit within the rim of the bezel setting, the flange rim having two or more lugs depending therefrom and arranged to be able to pass through some or all of the holes in the base portion.

2. An article as claimed in claim 1 in which said base portion has a central hole therein.

3. An article as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2 in which the bezel setting and retainer are of a shape corresponding to that of an object to be secured therein.

4. An article as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3 in which the bezel setting and retainer are of circular configuration.

5. An article as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4 adapted to hold a coin in the setting.

6. An article as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4 adapted to hold a semi-precious or imitation stone.

7. An article as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6 in which there are not more than ten lugs on the retainer.

8. An article as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6 in which there are six lugs on the retainer.

9. An article as claimed in any of claims 1 to 8 in which the lugs are spaced evenly around the retainer.

10. An article of jewellery as claimed in any of claims 1 to 9 with a precious, semi-precious or imitation stone, coin or medallion set therein.

11. An article of jewellery as claimed in any of claims 1 to 10 and substantially as herein described.

12. An article of jewellery, being a finger ring substantially as herein described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

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FIG. 1A.

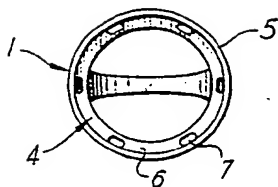


FIG. 1B.

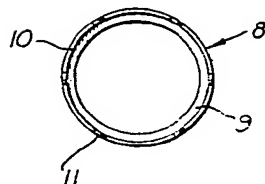


FIG. 2A.

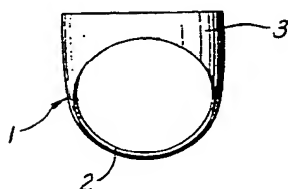


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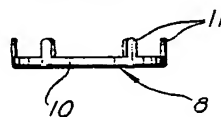


FIG. 3A.

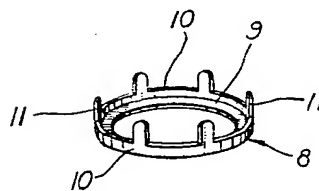
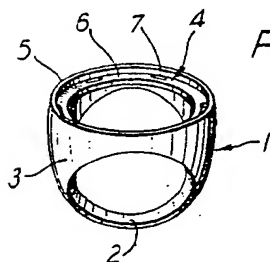


FIG. 3B.

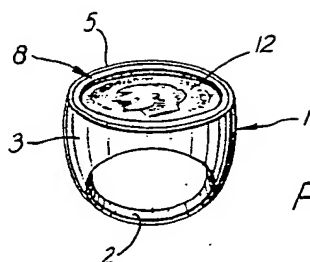


FIG. 4.

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